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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Attn.: Ms. Terry Dyson

In response to a request from Ms. Terry Dyson, enclosed herewith for filing is a copy of the Declaration signed by the inventor Eric Wood on May 3, 1992 prior to filing the ultimate parent application Serial No. 07/934,678.

The present application is a divisional application based on application Serial No. 08/599,045 filed February 9, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,975,878 issued on November 2, 1999, which in turn is a division of Serial No. 08/394,622, filed on February 27, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,624,629 issued on April 29, 1997, which in turn is a continuation of

ultimate parent application Serial No. 07/934,678, filed on September 10, 1992 now U.S. Patent No. 5,393,481 issued on February 28, 1995.

The ultimate parent application was filed under 35 U.S.C. §371 on September 10, 1992, prior to Mr. Wood's death on January 20, 1994. Mr. Wood had executed the application declaration prior to the original United States filing, but the administratrix of Mr. Wood's estate, Miranda Bull, assigned the ultimate parent application Serial No. 07/934,678 to Insituform (Netherlands) B.V., the present owner of the application. Authority for Ms. Bull to execute the Assignment is in the form of Apostilled and Notarized Letters of Administration with Will annexed and Notarized Certificate dated July 12, 1994. This was recorded at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 7207 Frame 0601 on November 8, 1994, in connection with the ultimate parent application, Serial No. 07/934,678 (now Patent No. 5,393,481). A copy of the recorded documents were previously submitted in connection with this application on May 4, 1999 as proof of authority. However, an additional copy of this communication together with a copy of the original Declaration is being submitted herewith for the convenience of the Office in order to establish proof of authority.

A Power of Attorney was also submitted on May 4, 1999 and a copy of that Power from Insituform (Netherlands) B.V. dated April 29, 1999 is also enclosed.

The undersigned respectfully submits that the Declaration in ultimate parent application Serial No. 07/934,678 makes reference to the underlying PCT application PCT/GB91/00628 filed on 22 April 1991. This PCT application forms the basis for the ultimate parent application Serial No. 07/934/678 upon which the present application is based.

In sum, there is the Declaration in the initial United States application and an Assignment with authority from Mr. Wood's administratrix and a continuing chain of continuing applications all claiming the benefit of the PCT application and the underlying British application. In view of the copies of the enclosed documents, the undersigned respectfully submits that there is a signed Declaration and appropriate authority to issue the patent in the name of Insituform (Netherlands) B.V.

If is further respectfully requested that the chain of applications as described at pages 1-2, above be set forth in connection with "Related U.S. Application Data" and the priority information be noted on the face of patent to issue on this application.

If there is any question with respect to acceptance of these documents to satisfy any outstanding requirement, kindly contact the undersigned attorney.

Early and favorable action and issuance of the patent herewith is earnestly.

Respectfully submitted,

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